



friendship  
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forgiveness  
justice  
hope



*"Do Everything in Love"*  
Corinthians 16:14

## Newsletter Update- Friday 27th January 2026

This week has been filled with moments of joy, reflection, and togetherness across our school community. Our Worship Warriors delivered an *incredible* collective worship that reminded us all of the importance of caring for our world and appreciating everything in it. Their message of **hope** resonated throughout the hall, inspiring pupils and staff alike.

The children's reenactment of the story was brilliantly curated—beautifully acted, thoughtful, and full of meaning. Well done to everyone involved!

Dove and Lion classes celebrated their learning about the **Five Pillars of Islam** by working collaboratively to create vibrant and imaginative murals. Their teamwork, creativity, and respect for different faiths shone brightly throughout the project. We are incredibly proud of their efforts.

We are pleased to share that Mr Metcalfe's operation went well. We all wish him a smooth recovery and look forward to welcoming him back soon. Many of you will remember Mrs Lake from her time working with Dolphin Class. She will be supporting us again, and we are pleased to have her back with the team working in Eagles class.

Unfortunately, Mrs Heaney remains unable to return to work following the bereavement of her mother. We send her our love and continued support during this difficult time. During her absence we are pleased to welcome Mr Maxey, who will be covering in Lion Class until Mrs Heaney returns. He brings a wealth of experience—and even once ran in a race alongside Mo Farah!

Butterfly Class have begun their learning about **Easter** and delighted us with a reenactment of the story of Palm Sunday. The children showed great enthusiasm as they explored the themes of welcome, celebration, and hope.

### Important Reminder: School Drop-Off and Parking Safety

We have received concerns from local residents regarding parking, driving, and drop-off behaviour around the school. Please remember that **safety must always come first**. Please Be mindful of:

- **Speed limits** — drive slowly and carefully near the school.

- **Parking restrictions** – do not park in areas that block traffic or pedestrian paths.
- **Pedestrian safety** – always give way to children and adults crossing the road.

Unfortunately, this morning, 22 parents/carers were observed stopping in the middle of the road to drop off children. This not only creates traffic congestion but is extremely unsafe for everyone.

To help keep our community safe, PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers) will be patrolling the area in the coming weeks. Let's work together to ensure that all members of our community feel respected and protected.

Thank you so much to all of you attending meetings with your child's teacher. 244 children had someone represent them at these meetings. Thank you so much.

### National Week of Reading- Including World Book Day 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### **Monday 2nd March- Focus: Women Who Changed the World**

Children will explore inspiring women who have made a difference throughout history.

#### **Tuesday 3rd March- Focus: Poetry**

A Day filled with rhythm, rhyme and creativity as we enjoy and write poetry.

#### **Wednesday 4th March- Workshop: The Bible**

Pupils will take part in a special workshop exploring stories and themes from the Bible.

#### **Thursday 5th March- World Book Day – Dress Up!**

Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book featured on the World Book Day website.

#### **Friday 6th March- Family Reading Afternoon – 2:30pm**

Parents and carers are warmly invited to come and read with their child. Please enter through the **Mill Road gate**.

Thank you all for your support,

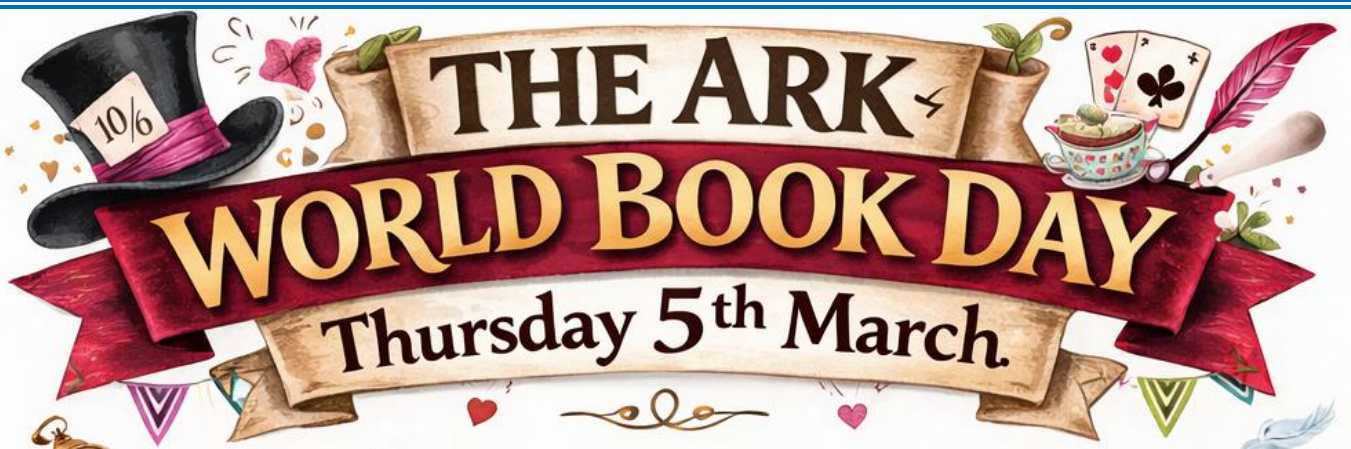
With best wishes,

Diane Wright MA (Education)  
Headteacher



Well done to our Worship Warriors for your Worship on Noah's Ark!




A whimsical illustration featuring a Mad Hatter's top hat with a '10/6' tag, playing cards, a teacup, and a feather. The text is set against a background of these elements.

# THE ARK

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

An illustration of a pocket watch and a quill pen.

At **The Ark**, we are passionate about encouraging a love of reading and building confidence, imagination and communication through books.

We are excited to celebrate **World Book Day** on


An illustration of a teacup with steam rising from it.

# Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

with a fun and creative afternoon!

An illustration of a stack of books with a quill pen resting on top.

Please bring your favourite book on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**.

An illustration of a teacup with a spoon.

Children will take turns sharing and reading their favourite stories stories with their friends.

A scroll with decorative borders and hearts.

### World Book Day Competition:

Children are invited to create their own short story throughout the week to share with us.

A small prize will be given for creativity and effort!

An illustration of a teacup with a red and white striped lid.

## Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Storytelling, games and a magical themed afternoon!

### Session Times:

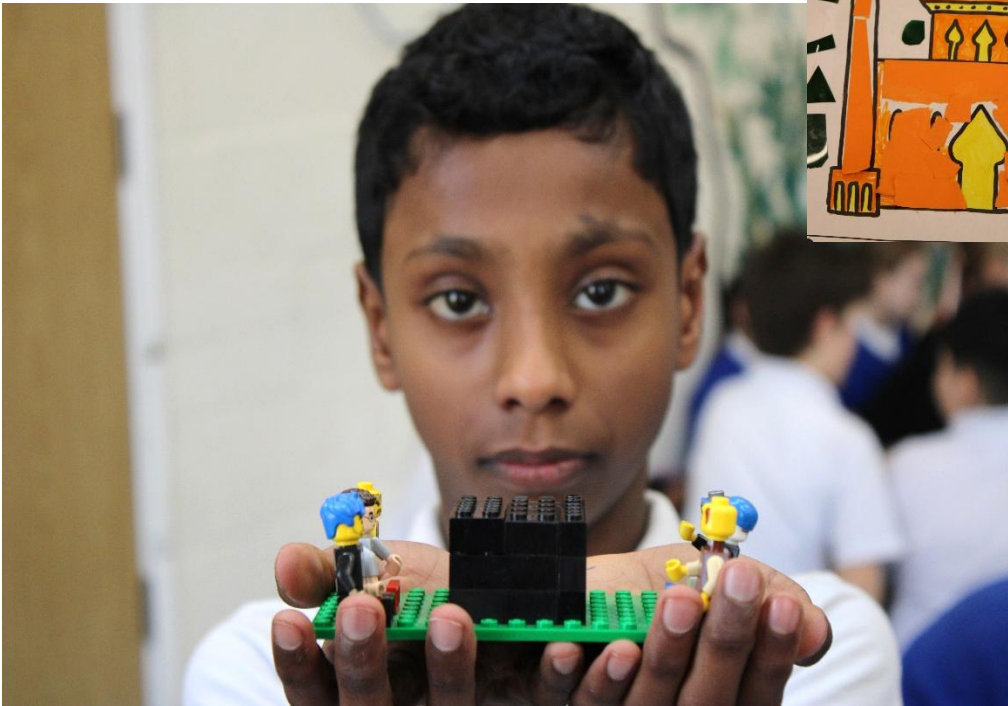
- 3:15 – 4:30
- 3:15 – 5:30
- 3:15 – 6:00

Limited spaces available – please book early

via **Arbor**

Mrs McCabe & The Ark Team







# St Mary's Stars this Week

## EYFS

Lyla

## Year 1

Harley

## Year 1/2

Chisom and Aarush

## Year 2

Simbai

## Year 3

Hunter

## Year 3/4

Liliana

## Year 4/5

Moriam

## Year 5/6

Lydia-Rose

## Year 6

Achu





**EASTER 2026**

# TECH HOLIDAY CAMP



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## EASTER CAMPS 2026

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on **tech fun**, **iPad creativity**, and **take-home inventions!**

### Example camp activities

Camp runs 9 am - 1 pm

 <b>ROBOT LAB</b>	 <b>LEGO Engineering</b>	 <b>ELECTRIC INVENTIONS</b>	 <b>3D CREATIONS</b>	 <b>VIRTUAL REALITY</b>
 <b>COOL CIRCUITS</b>	 <b>VIDEO GAME DESIGN</b>	 <b>MOVIE MAKING</b>	 <b>MINECRAFT REDSTONE</b>	 <b>MINECRAFT MAZE</b>

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★  
"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★  
"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

★★★★★  
"Fun, engaging, and educational - highly recommend!"

**HALF DAY CAMPS THIS EASTER 9 AM - 1 PM**

**£25 PER DAY** or 4 days for just **£90**

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# ALICE IN WONDERLAND

KETTERING ARTS CENTRE

28TH FEBRUARY 2026

DOORS OPEN 1:30PM FOR 2PM START

[WEGOTTICKETS.COM/EVENT/683498](https://www.wegotickets.com/event/683498)



Follow Alice down the rabbit hole and meet all manner of strange and extraordinary characters in this curious hour-long family-friendly theatre production.



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